

**COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS**

Taylor, Nebraska

1:00 P.M.

February 8, 2023

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 8th day of February, 2023 at 1:00P.M. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska. Present were Commissioners Larson, Steckel and Ruppel and County Clerk Ruzicka. County Highway Superintendent Johnson and County Attorney White were present later in the afternoon. Chairman Larson called the meeting to order. Board members acknowledged receipt of the January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting minutes with no corrections or additions to same. Receipt of advance notice and agenda for the February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting was also affirmed by all members present. Chairman Larson referenced the Open Meeting Laws poster located in the meeting room and advised that handouts concerning said laws are available to the public.

Steckel moved to audit the claims. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

**GENERAL FUND**

SALARIES		\$27,189.95
IN LIEU OF INSURANCE		\$6,000.00
AFLAC	AFLAC	\$209.00
IRS	EMPE FICA	\$2,469.03
NACT TREASURER	DUES	\$50.00
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$1,845.94
APPEARA	RUGS	\$144.23
BURWELL TRIBUNE	PUBLISHING	\$1,298.32
CONTRYMAN	AUDIT SERVICES	\$14,000.00
CORNER STOP	FUEL-SHERIFF	\$316.75
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$192.46
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	NETWORK SUBSCRIPTION	\$65.00
DAVE LARSON	MILEAGE&PHONE	\$60.96
DEB STARR	PHONE	\$25.00
DONNA STECKEL	MILEAGE&PHONE	\$42.62
DUSTIN SPANEL	UNIFORM ALLOW.	\$10.00
EAKES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$34.99
EZ IT	IT SERVICES	\$780.00
HAMILTON	PHONE&INTERNET	\$410.13
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$37.82
JACK RUPPEL	MILEAGE&PHONE	\$98.30
JASON WHITE-OTHER/PHONE	PHONE	\$40.00
JESSICA RUZICKA	PHONE	\$25.00
KYLE SHEPARD	PHONE	\$25.00
LAURA KRAUS	EMR MANAGER	\$75.00
LONGHORN ELECTRIC	SERVICES	\$1,664.88
LOUP COUNTY TREASURER	PETTY CASH	\$145.79
MARYJO JONES	BLDG&ASSES&PHO	\$153.88
LARSON HSA ACCOUNT	DAVE INS- HSA	\$1,200.00
MICHAEL STARR	SNOW REMOVAL	\$150.00
MICROFILM	MICROFILM	\$52.00
MIPS	PROGRAMS	\$1,157.84
NACO PLANNING & ZONING	DUES	\$40.00
REGION 3 BEH HEALTH SER	DUES	\$429.14
RR DONNELLEY	PRINTING	\$277.34
SCHAPER & WHITE	SECRETARY PAY	\$500.00
SUMMER STROHL	NOTARY & PHONE	\$166.89
TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIBRARY	\$1,060.00

VERIZON	PHONE	\$82.79
VILLAGE OF TAYLOR	SEWER/GARBAGE	\$49.08
ZANE YOUNG	PHONE	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>\$62,615.13</b>

**AMBULANCE FUND**

DEARBON INS COMPANY	INSURANCE	\$30.96
VALLEY CTY AMB SERVICE	INTERCEPT	\$150.00
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$188.62
HAMILTON	PHONE	\$102.57
LAURA KRAS	CASH PD OUT	\$145.00
<b>AMBULANCE FUND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$617.15</b>

**ROAD FUND**

SALARIES		\$12,747.22
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	\$860.44
IRS	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$953.01
BURWELL INDEPENDENT OIL	FUEL	\$2,553.30
CARQUEST	PARTS	\$38.90
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$5,571.56
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$172.67
ED SHERBECK	PHONE	\$40.00
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$17.92
LEVI WILLIAMS	PHONE	\$40.00
LONNIE OWEN	PHONE	\$40.00
NMC	PARTS/SERVICE	\$1,043.47
<b>ROAD FUND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$24,078.49</b>

**VISTOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND**

AMY DOHENY	FACEBOOK/PROMO	\$250.00
TAYLOR AREA BUILDERS	XMAS LIGHTS	\$145.22
TAYLOR JUNIOR RODEO	TAYLOR ARENA	\$975.00
VET OF F. WARS POST 6159	VET. MEMORIAL	\$525.00
<b>VISTOR'S IMPROVMENT FUND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,895.22</b>

Larson moved to allow the claims. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's semiannual report, delinquent tax list and tax collected reports.

Ruppel moved for the adoption of a resolution transferring monies from the General Fund to the Road and Special Road Funds. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 289.

Steckel moved to enter into the Opioid recovery settlement agreements with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Larson moved to appoint Steckel to the Mid Plains Center for behavioral health care services board. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

County Clerk Ruzicka brought to discussion with the board the subject of timesheets being kept by the road men. Information was provided to the board from the Department of Labor regarding exemptions for Salary workers. None of such exemptions apply to the road men. After discussion with the board and county attorney it was concluded Road men need to be keeping true and accurate timesheets. Larson moved to require the road

maintenance position to keep an accurate timesheet. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Zoning administrator Shepard met with the board to discuss standard address signs in the county. Discussion included but not limited to; requiring or strongly recommending signs, zoning resolution or amendment to the zoning regulations, updating the zoning application, who will purchase the signs and from where, what type of signs to purchase, sending letters with valuation notices.

Larson moved to recommend E911 address signs to be purchased by the resident following guidelines set by the county. 2<sup>nd</sup> Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Cody James met with the board about a half mile segment of road on the South County line. James stated he was building a house off of said road to the south and this road would be his access. He would like the road to be maintained. County Clerk Ruzicka will research the road status and bring it to the next meeting.

The board discussed how the Zoning administrator is currently compensated. She currently has a Salary of \$580 per month and is compensated \$15.14 per hour for any hours over her regular scheduled hours.

Sheriff Spanel met with the board to discuss having a full-time deputy and part time secretary. Calls for service in Loup County are comparable to Garfield County who runs a three-man department. It is difficult to find someone at the moment because of the pay and hiring bonuses offered by surrounding counties. Custer County deputies start at \$60,000 per year, Garfield County deputies start at \$56,000 per year. In order to hire a deputy, the County would need to purchase and outfit another vehicle. Money is budgeted and available in the Equipment fund. Sheriff Spanel is going to begin advertising for a deputy.

County Clerk Ruzicka presented information about LB515 sent by Jolene Dunbar. The board reviewed the Legislative bill and letter written by Jolene in support of the bill. Larson moved to Support LB515. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Highway Superintendent discussed with the board options for South Lake Road, designing the remainder of the road not under contract and assessing damage. He also discussed the upcoming bridge project, replacing Porcupine Bridge.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

s/ David Larson, Chairman of the Loup  
County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Jessica Ruzicka  
Deputy Loup County Clerk